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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Military Information from the Rehagen-Klausdorf-Kummersdorf Area

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE OF CONTENT 25 November to 12 December 1953

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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE [redacted]

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1. On 12 December 1953, the Eisenbahnpionier Kaserne in Rehagen-Klausdorf was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. Between 5 and 12 December, source did not observe any training activity in the barracks area. On 7 December, about 60 AA guns were in the open sheds, while an undetermined number of troops were attending to 2 x 76.2-mm AA guns. [redacted] 1 [redacted]

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2. On 12 December, the barracks installation at Schumke Lake was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets and, a few, red-bordered black epaulets. Between 5 and 12 December, about 120 troops engaged in entrenching work and the preparation of barbed-wire obstacles at the eastern firing lane. Motor vehicles seen in the barracks area included [redacted]

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3. On 11 December, the Artillerie Kaserne at Kummersdorf firing range was occupied by about 3,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets. The area west of the Kummersdorf-Sperenberg railroad line was temporarily restricted. On 25 and 27 November and 1, 4 and 8 December, about 300 to 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets engaged in marksmanship training with light and heavy machine guns and carbines in the abovementioned area. Between 25 November and 11 December, about 25 trucks were daily seen at driving school practice [redacted]

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4. In late November, source determined that a course for personnel of several units was held at the Kummersdorf firing range. 4 [redacted] Elsterwerda, and 25X1 [redacted] radium-bath Brambach, as well as a unit from Wurzen were identified on forms seen at the Kummersdorf railroad station. 5 [redacted]

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25X1 1. [] Comment. According to the AA guns observed in the Eisenbahnspionier Kaserne [] the installation can be carried occupied as previously by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div. [] 25X1 25X1

25X1 2. [] Comment. According to the majority [] occupation strength and service color, the barracks installation at Schumke Lake [] is occupied as previously by the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army. 25X1

25X1 3. [] Comment. The information indicates that the Artillerie Kaserne at Kimmersdorf firing range is occupied as previously by the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFG, which is especially confirmed by the motor vehicles of the [] 25X1

25X1 4. [] Comment. Information on a special course furnished by source of paragraph 4 appears credible. Since April 1953, reports by source of paragraph 3 contained indications for a special unit, which has continually been observed at infantry training. [] and information in paragraph 3 of the present report. 25X1

25X1 5. [] Comment. [] was repeatedly reported in connection with shipments of guns and artillery ammunition. [] is carried with the motor vehicle [] inspectorate of the GOFG. 25X1

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